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Fall property tax deadline set for Wednesday

The fall property tax due date is Wednesday, Nov. 10. Payments may be made by mail, dropbox, at a bank, online or in-person at the Treasurer's Office. The office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday from in the Wabash County Courthouse building on the main floor. Payments may be mailed to Wabash County Treasurer, 1 W. Hill St., Suite 104, Wabash, IN 46992. Envelopes must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, Nov. 10 to avoid a penalty. The dropbox is located at the basement entrance of the Wabash County Courthouse. Banks that will be collecting property taxes for her office include Bippus State Bank in North Manchester, Crossroads Bank in Wabash and North Manchester, First Farmers Bank in Wabash, First Merchants Bank in Wabash and

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City Council honors Wabash Cultural District designation

City's official dedication is set for the First Friday in June 2022

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At the Monday, Nov. 8 meeting of the Wabash City Council, local leaders celebrated Wabash's designation as the state's newest Cultural District.

Mayor Scott Long's assistant Bev Vanderpool said this served as their official announcement to the Wabash City Council.

On Friday, June 25, the city

capped several years of work when Wabash was named the newest Cultural District by the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC). At the same time, Arts Campus Fort Wayne also received the designation to bring the statewide total to 12 communities.

The next steps for the Wabash Cultural District will be determined by the local committee, led by Wabash Marketplace. Additional community partners include the city of Wabash, Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, Grow Wabash County, Visit Wabash

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At the Monday, Nov. 8 meeting of the Wabash City Council, local leaders celebrated Wabash's designation as the state's newest Cultural District.

Babe of Wabash County to hold holiday fundraiser



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Babe of Wabash County started offering classes in June after opening their doors in April.

Charity auction lasts from Nov. 12 to 19

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This year, Babe of Wabash County opened its doors to the community and the results have already been evident.

And this month, the local service organization has an-

nounced a holiday fundraiser, said executive director Katey Till

The online Baked Sale Auction is an event where gourmet baked items will be auctioned off for individuals to take to their Thanksgiving gatherings the following week.

The online auction begins Friday, Nov. 12, and ends at 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19.

Till said some of the things that will be in the auction will be Bellazo bread by Darcy Vail; gift baskets of Morning Glories food mixes, a Wabash Farmers' Market vendor; Carpenter Creation bread, another Wabash Farmers' Market Vendor; gift cards for pies at Nordmann's Nook in North Manchester; gourmet cheesecakes; cinnamon rolls; cakes; and more.

There will also be an Instant Pot, Oster Roaster Oven, a Farberware Air Fryer and a special holiday children's book advent gift basket.

A complete list of auction items will be available on Facebook and Instagram on Nov. 10.

Patrons may bid for items at the Metzger auction website,

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Blood supply at the lowest level for this time of year in over a decade

Red Cross has scheduled local donations, including in honor of local boy fighting cancer

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The available blood supply had dipped dramatically and the American Red Cross has scheduled several local donation events, including one honoring a local boy fighting cancer.

American Red Cross regional communications director LaMar Holliday said the current blood sup-

ply is the lowest they have seen at this time of year in more than a decade.

"At least 10,000 more donations are needed each week in the coming weeks to meet patient needs ahead of the upcoming holiday season, which always presents seasonal challenges to blood collection," said Holliday.

In response, local blood donation opportunities have been scheduled from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 at the Urbana Yoke Parish Community

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Tree-Lighting Ceremony is on Nov. 17 at Manchester University

By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University will host a Tree-Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 17 in front of Petersime Chapel on the University Mall.

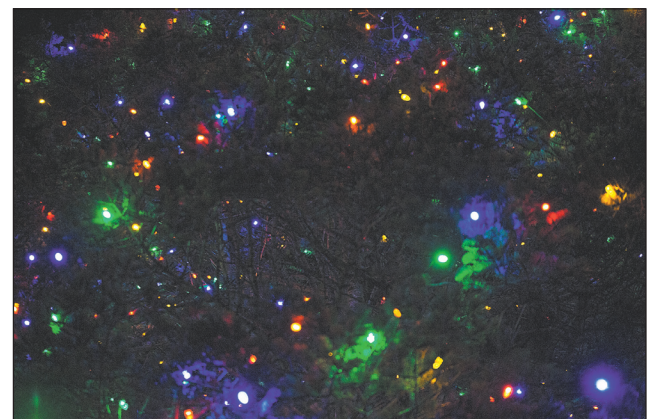
Manchester High School Choir members will perform seasonal selections and carols at 6 p.m., with the lighting at 6:25 p.m.

Santa Claus arrives at 6:30 p.m.

There will be refreshments in front of Funderburg Library.

This celebration is free and open to the public.

The annual Festival of Trees will be on the first floor of the Chinworth Center. Masks are



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Manchester University will host a Tree-Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 17 in front of Petersime Chapel on the University Mall.

required inside MU buildings.

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SpaceX returns 4 astronauts to Earth, ending 200-day flight

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Four astronauts returned to Earth on Monday, riding home with SpaceX to end a 200-day space station mission that began last spring.

Their capsule streaked through the late night sky like a dazzling meteor before parachuting into the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Pensacola, Florida. Recovery boats quickly moved in with spotlights.

“On behalf of SpaceX, welcome home to Planet Earth,” SpaceX Mission Control radioed from Southern California. Within an hour, all four astronauts were out of the capsule, exchanging fist bumps with the team on the recovery ship.

Their homecoming — coming just eight hours after leaving the International Space Station — paved the way for SpaceX’s launch of their four replacements as early as Wednesday night.

The newcomers were scheduled to launch first, but NASA switched the order because of bad weather and an astronaut’s undisclosed medical condition. The welcoming duties will now fall to the lone American and two Russians left behind at the space station.

Before Monday afternoon’s undocking, German astronaut Matthias Maurer, who’s waiting to launch at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center, tweeted it was a shame the two crews wouldn’t overlap at the space

station but “we trust you’ll leave everything nice and tidy.” His will be SpaceX’s fourth crew flight for NASA in just 1 1/2 years.

NASA astronauts Shane Kimbrough and Megan McArthur, Japan’s Akihiko Hoshide and France’s Thomas Pesquet should have been back Monday morning, but high wind in the recovery zone delayed their return.

“One more night with this magical view. Who could complain? I’ll miss our space-ship!” Pesquet tweeted Sunday alongside a brief video showing the space station illuminated against the blackness of space and the twinkling city lights on the nighttime side of Earth.

From the space station, NASA astronaut Mark Vande Hei — midway through a one-year flight — bid farewell to each of his departing friends, telling McArthur “I’ll miss hearing your laughter in adjacent modules.”

Before leaving the neighborhood, the four took a spin around the space station, taking pictures. This was a first for SpaceX; NASA’s shuttles used to do it all the time before their retirement a decade ago. The last Russian capsule fly-around was three years ago.

It wasn’t the most comfortable ride back. The toilet in their capsule was broken, and so the astronauts needed to rely on diapers for the eight-hour trip home. They shrugged it off late last week as just one more challenge in their mission.

The first issue arose shortly after their April liftoff; Mission Control warned a piece of space junk was threatening to collide with their capsule. It turned out to be a false alarm. Then in July, thrusters on a newly arrived Russian lab inadvertently fired and sent the station into a spin. The four astronauts took shelter in their docked SpaceX capsule, ready to make a hasty departure if necessary.

Among the upbeat milestones: four spacewalks to enhance the station’s solar power, a movie-making visit by a Russian film crew and the first-ever space harvest of chile peppers.

The next crew will also spend six months up there, welcoming back-to-back groups of tourists. A Japanese tycoon and his personal assistant will get a lift from the Russian Space Agency in December, followed by three businessmen arriving via SpaceX in February. SpaceX’s first privately chartered flight, in September, bypassed the space station.

NASA’s Kathy Lueders, head of space operations, said engineers would evaluate the lagging inflation of one of the four main parachutes, something seen in testing when the lines bunch together. Overall, though, “the return looked spotless.”

“I can’t tell you how excited I am to see all four of the crew members back on Earth,” she added, “and I’m looking forward to launching another set of four this week.”

COUNCIL

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County, Wabash County Museum and a panel of artists.

Vanderpool said receiving the Cultural District Designation the committee continues to meet.

“Our current project is to design a logo for our local district,” said Vanderpool.

Vanderpool said they had just received a \$3,000 grant from Arts Midwest for marketing materials.

“We are planning to dedicate the Cultural District with a celebration on First Friday in June 2022,” said Vanderpool.

In the application process beginning in 2020, Wabash was selected as a Spotlight Community within the Creative Community Pathway and was invited to apply for the Cultural District Consortium. Wabash’s application nominated the Wabash Cultural District with an 85-page dissertation. The application also focused on the vaudeville roots of the community that began in the early 1900s and can be seen today at the recently renovated Eagles Theatre.

Fort Wayne and Wabash join just 10 other communities as recipients of the Cultural District Designation. Indiana Cultural Districts also include

Bloomington Entertainment and Arts District (BEAD), Carmel Arts and Design District, Columbus Arts and Entertainment District, Fishers: Nickel Plate District, Jeffersonville: NoCo Arts and Cultural District, Lafayette: Tippecanoe Arts and Cultural District, Madison Arts and Cultural District, Nashville: Arts Village Brown County, Noblesville Cultural Arts District and Terre Haute: 41/40 Arts and Cultural District.

To receive the designation, Fort Wayne and Wabash participated in the Creative Community Pathway program and most recently submitted an application that was reviewed by a public panel of experts specializing in economic and tourism development. Indiana Cultural Districts promote the exploration of and participation in the arts and humanities through cultural experiences that are unique to the individual communities.

Wabash has been working toward receiving this designation for at least five years as the city first applied to a statewide committee in September 2016.

The IAC announced in early 2020 that the previous “Cultural District Application” was morphing into the “Creative Community Pathway.” The goal of the program is to recognize communities that

utilize arts and culture as a strategy for growth. Communities can receive either “Creative Community Designation” or “Cultural District Designation.”






On Dec. 11, 2020, the IAC voted to approve Wabash, Fort Wayne, Goshen and Kokomo for Spotlight Community recognition as part of the Creative Community Pathway program. These four communities were then invited to apply for Cultural District Designation.

In May, the IAC announced that Fort Wayne, Goshen, Kokomo, and Wabash had their applications for Cultural District Designation reviewed. Reviewing the applications were peers from around the state specializing in cultural, leadership, community, economic and tourism development. Applications recommended for designation were reviewed by the IAC’s Programs, Grants and Services Committee, with final funding approval made by the full Commission at its Friday, June 25 Quarterly Business Meeting.

For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/arts/programs-and-services/training/creative-community-pathway/>.





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5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Partly Cloudy 64 / 51	 Thursday Showers Likely 62 / 39	 Friday Mostly Cloudy 48 / 32	 Saturday Mostly Cloudy 40 / 30	 Sunday Rain & Snow Possible 44 / 31
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:31 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:23 a.m.

 First 11/11	 Full 11/19	 Last 11/27	 New 12/4
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 64°, humidity of 65%. East southeast wind 5 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 51°. Southeast wind 7 to 13 mph. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 90% chance of showers, high of 62°, humidity of 77%.

BLOOD

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Center, 16 E. Half St., Urbana; from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.; and from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23 at the Manchester Administration Offices, 404 W. 9th St., North Manchester.

In addition to those blood drives, the American Red Cross has held two other events this year in honor of Kole Adamiec, 6, a North Manchester boy who has been fighting cancer.

The first such dedicated blood drive was held in August, and the second was held in October.

American Red Cross account manager Toni Fox said they are planning a third such dedicated blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Manchester Elementary School, 301 S. River Road, North Manchester.

Kole Adamiec was diagnosed with high-risk Neuroblastoma on April 18 when he was 5 years old.

Kole Adamiec attends kindergarten at Manchester Elementary School.

Fox said Kole Adamiec’s parents, Andrew and Jade (Kennedy) Adamiec, and family want to help educate the community about the need for and importance of blood donations.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or

calling 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

According to the CDC, flu cases reached an all-time low last year due to masking, physical distancing and shutdowns across the country, and many Americans may have reduced immunity this year.

“When seasonal illness increases, the number of healthy blood donors tends to decrease. Paired with winter weather, busy holiday schedules and ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the already-struggling blood supply could be further impacted throughout winter,” said Holliday.

There is no blood donation waiting period for those who have received a flu shot or a Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or booster, so long as they are symptom-free.

“Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions — including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status — have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment before arriving at the drive,” said Holliday.

Holliday said donors may also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass. With RapidPass, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross

Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

“At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease who require trait-negative blood. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease,” said Holliday.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

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COVID-19

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have to quarantine if they are exposed but have no symptoms, so I encourage parents to get their children vaccinated if they are eligible.”

Parents who wish to schedule an appointment for their child to receive the vaccine may do so at www.ourshot.in.gov or by calling 211 or 866-211-9966 for assistance.

“Pediatric vaccine supplies may be limited initially as shipments arrive on a staggered basis. Individuals are encouraged to make an appointment or call ahead to ensure that a site has a vaccine available before visiting the location. A parent or guardian must provide consent, and children under 16 must be accompanied to the vaccination appointment by an adult,”

stated the ISDH. “The pediatric dose of Pfizer is lower than the dosage for ages 12 and older, so parents should ensure they visit a site that carries the pediatric dosage.”

Meanwhile, on Saturday, Oct. 30, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb signed Executive Orders 21-28 and 21-29. The Executive Orders expire on Dec. 1.

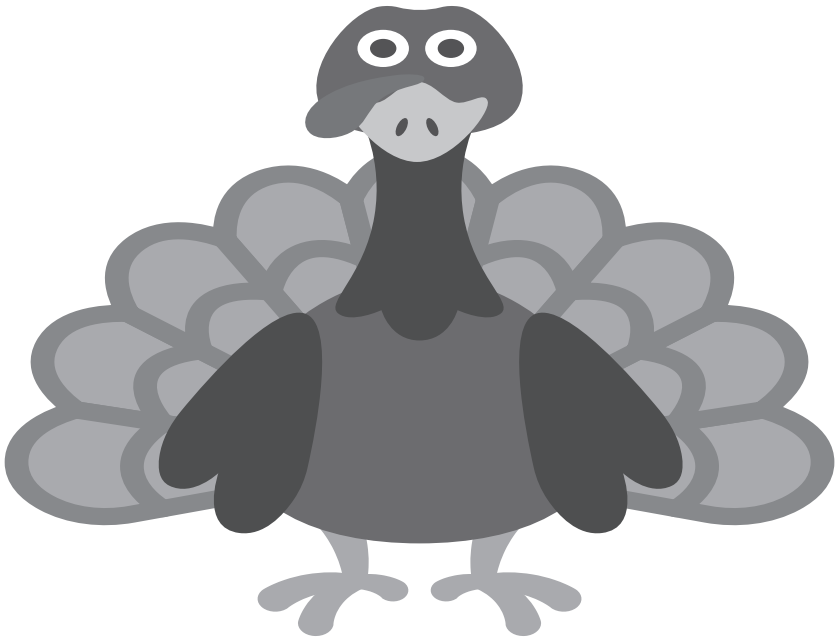
“Today, I’m extending the public health emergency for another 30 days to maintain critical assistance to our neediest Hoosiers as we come out of this pandemic — all directly tied to its continuation. While I am extending the state public health emergency for this next month to extend these critical capabilities directly tied to it, I have instructed my staff and the relevant agencies over the next few weeks to bring me a plan that contemplates options to wind down our execu-

tive orders and end the state public health emergency in the near future,” said Holcomb.

Press secretary Erin Murphy said “in response to the improved conditions relating to the spread of COVID-19 in Indiana,” several provisions from the most recent executive orders were removed including the direction for hospitals to consider re-prioritizing or postponing non-emergent procedures, the reporting requirements for hospitals about diversion and the direction to the Indiana Department of Insurance to request that insurers extend prior authorization for non-emergent surgeries or procedures that are postponed and prior authorizations for the transfer or discharge of patients.

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Obituaries

Jerry Ezra Staten

Funeral services for Jerry Ezra Staten will be 10:30 am, Friday, November 12, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen

Funeral Service, Wabash. Burial in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation is 9:30-10:30 am Friday.

Services for Neil Jeffrey are 2:00 pm, Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Visitation is 1-2 pm

Thursday, at the funeral home. Burial is 1:00 pm (Central Time) Friday, in Allens Grove Cemetery, Dixon, Iowa.

Neil Jeffrey

Hazel Sylvia Carpenter

Funeral services for Donna Sue Lawson, are 10:30 am, Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Burial in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation is 5-8 pm Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Services for Hazel Sylvia Carpenter, are 11:00 am, Wednesday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Ser-

vice, Wabash. Burial in Memorial Lawns Cemetery. Visitation is 9:30-11:00 am Wednesday.

SOUTHWOOD FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

STAFF REPORT

Southwood Jr./Sr. High School has released their honor roll lists for the first quarter of the school year, according to a press release.

'All A' Honor Roll

Seventh grade: Josiah Chellis, Ashton Dague, Logan Davis, Adilyn Deaton, Cameron Drown, Brooke Farr, Avery Henderson, Presley Kroft, Griffin Liddick, Gracie Mosley, Hali Pershing, Olivia Ranck, Shania Rhamy, Jalayna Robberts, Bailee Strickler, Reagan Striker, Shelby Thomas, Nika Tyson, James Unger and Kierstyn Wyatt.

Eighth grade: Colleen Boardman, Ainsley Chellis, Hailey Collins, Cooper Drake, Owen Eneyart, Coan Holloway, Emily Lochard, Malia Mahan and Ivan Ranck.

Ninth grade: Luke Andrews, Quinn Claussen, Jaiya Corn, Grace Drake, Courtney Finney, Hannah Garrison, Zoey Gaylourd, Rowan Goodpasture, Luke Her-ring, Mason Hipskind, Gabriel Mealy, Keaton Metzger, Morgan Powell, Lucy Vandermark, Ian Vanderpool and Ryley Wilcox.

10th grade: Emma Adams, Randall Boone, Carrie Collins, Derek Deeter, Grace Denney, Libee Price and Shyanne Stout.

11th grade: Elise Adams, Bryn Mealy, Sara Perez Sanchez, Katelyn Ranck, Aleia Sweet and Dakota Wilson.

12th grade: Haley Lanning.

'A/B' Honor Roll

Seventh grade: Ashton Andrews, Ross Andrews, Brynnlie Gouvan, Caden Guthrie, Makenna Hunter, Elexis Kelley, Justyne Kirkpatrick, Addison Lovatto, Makaylee Moore, Hunter Ras-

mussen, Aiden Selig, Taylor Shenefield, Thatcher Simpson, Allyson Staggs, Colten Swan, Lola Winer and Andrew Wright.

Eighth grade: Sylvia Bakehorn, Griffin Chambers, Naomi Davis, Mylah Dillon, Brody Height, Daniela Holbrook, Rachel Lawson, Maddox Marshall, Victor Mon-dragon, Wyatt Smith, Olivia Snow, Natalie Sutphin, Sophia Temple, Lilah Vandermark and Bryce Wilcox.

Ninth grade: Audrey Ball, Elijah Boone, Aaliyah Bussard, Taylor Cavins, Cherish Dillon, Ava Freeman, Sarah Grace, Averi Haecker, Jordn Hartline, Daedric Kaehr, Isabella Knot, Hope Niccum, Meryn Norman, Bryant Pattee, Cayden Richardson, Logan Robberts, Carson Smith, Makenna Snow, Duke Sparks, Rylee Thomas and Lydia Topliff.

10th grade: Macy Barney, Ashley Benavidez-Arellano, Hayden

Berry, Liliauna Combs, Mad-is-Anne Culver, Abigail Guyer, Allie Haecker, Jordan Hart, Hayden Jones, Ethan Lochard, Ryan McGouldrick, Kalen Parke, Luke Pershing, Bryce Rigney, Micah Smith, Noah Veals, Carley Whitesel, Will Winer and Caleb Wyatt.

11th grade: Tobias Cummins, Dean Elzy, Alice Guyer, Ella Haupt, Aliisa Pinta, Lyndzy Silvers, Dylan Stout, Jack Trudell, Alaina Winer and Makenna Younce.

12th grade: Skylar Amos, Joseph Bland, Hattie Cochran, Mya Denney, Madison Hipskind, Grant Holloway, Maddison Hunter, Beau Kendall, Makenlie Lambert, Stephen Madaris, Marissa Metzger, Jared Richards, Angeli-que Ripberger, Trista Roser, Adam Seacott, Brayden Smith, Lilly Snow, Ashton Steele, Kloe Teulker, Tyler Whitesel and Bailey Wyatt.

Losing our religion

‘Love is love.’ “Science Lis science.” Homes and offices in Washington, D.C. must display every politically correct lawn sign there is. Could it be these signs give a sense of belonging, the kind that used to be provided by organized religion? And what does “Love is love” and “Science is science” really mean?

This was the gist of remarks made by Los Angeles Archbishop Jose Gomez at a recent conference in Madrid. He was asked to speak about some of the movements that seem to be playing a role that religion might otherwise do – “social justice,” “wokeness,” “identity politics,” “intersectionality” and the like.

They are “replacements and rivals to traditional religious belief,” Gomez says. In seeking to replace traditional religion, he posits that this is the woke “salvation story”: “We cannot know where we came from, but we are aware that we have interests in common with those who share our skin color or our position in society. We are also painfully aware that our group is suffering and alienated, through

Kathryn Lopez



find redemption through our constant struggle against our oppressors, by waging a battle for political and cultural power in the name of creating a society of equity.”

It’s worth noting that Gomez, who is currently president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, was born in Mexico. He leads the biggest and most diverse archdiocese in the United States, ministering in 40 languages. He’s not speaking from an ivory tower, oblivious to the human suffering of which he speaks. A constant voice for the unborn and immigrants, his was not a screed against left-wing causes, as some have suggested on the internet. He’s a pastor thinking through what is going on in the world today and how to engage with it.

no fault of our own. The cause of our unhappiness is that we are victims of oppression by other groups of society. We are liberated and

“Of course, we all want to build a society that provides equality, freedom, and dignity for every person. But we can only build a just society on the foundation of the truth of God and human nature.” Gomez says. He sees the leading theories and ideologies of the day as “profoundly atheistic. They deny the soul – the spiritual, transcendent dimension of human nature; or they think that it is irrelevant to human happiness. They reduce what it means to be human to essentially physical qualities – the color of our skin, our sex, our notions of gender, our ethnic background or our position in society.” These secular movements, he says, “are causing new forms of social division, discrimination, intolerance and injustice.

“I see only too clearly how bad people are,” Gomez quotes Dorothy Day, “I wish I did not see it so. It is my own sins that give me such clarity. But I cannot worry much about your sins and miseries when I have so many of my own. ... My prayer from day to day is that God will so enlarge my heart that I will

see you all, and live with you all, in His love.”

We don’t have all the answers – it takes a real strength to admit this, one that goes against the tide of our culture. There’s a certain confidence that comes with humility. While giving voice to “individual conscience and tolerance,” Gomez said, “we need to promote greater humility and realism about the human condition. Acknowledging our common humanity means recognizing our common frailty. The truth is that we are all sinners, people who want to do the right thing but often do not.”

Gomez’s talk is an opportunity to take a few steps back and renew our confidence in the values that foster a robust civil society fueled by gratitude.

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Facing modern chaos, priests need old symbols and truths

Chaos is coming, so get ready.

That was the warning that – four years ago – iconographer and YouTube maven Jonathan Pageau offered to leaders of the Orthodox Church in America’s Diocese of the South.

The French-Canadian artist was reacting to cracks in “cultural cohesion” after Donald Trump’s rise to power, with wild reactions on left and right. And corporate leaders, especially in Big Tech, were throwing their “woke” weight around in fights over gender, racism, schools, religious liberty and other topics. Fear and angst were bubbling up in media messages about zombies, fundamentalist handmaidens and angry demands for “safe spaces.”

Pageau didn’t predict a global pandemic that would lock church doors.

But that’s what happened. Thus, he doubled down on his “chaos” message several weeks ago, while addressing the same body of OCA priests and parish leaders.

“If some of you didn’t believe me back then, I imagine you are more willing to believe me now,” he said.

Pageau focused, in part, on waves of online conspiracy theories that have shaken many flocks and the shepherds who lead them. Wild rumors and questions, he

Terry Mattingly



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The chaos is real, stressed Pageau. There is chaos in politics, science, schools, technology, economic systems, family structures and many issues linked to sex and gender. It’s a time when conspiracy theories about vaccines containing tracking devices echo decades of science-fiction stories, while millions of people navigate daily life with smartphones in their pockets that allow Big Tech leaders to research their every move.

said, often reveal what people are thinking and feeling and, especially, whether they trust authority figures.

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This chaos will lead to change, one way or another, he said. The goal for church leaders is to listen and respond with biblical images, themes and stories – as opposed to more acidic chatter about politics. The pandemic was especially challenging for bishops and priests in ancient, liturgical churches, since life in their parishes is built on intimate sacramental acts including confession, Holy Communion and anointing the sick.

In Eastern Orthodox flocks, leaders are also trying to make sense of two conflicting trends. A census for 2010-2020 found that the number of Orthodox Christians in America shrank by 17 percent, with the large Greek Orthodox Church declining 22 percent. Other jurisdictions, including the OCA, showed slower declines, while the number of new parishes increased.

Meanwhile, Father Andrew Stephen Damick, an Antiochian Orthodox priest who specializes in online ministries, recently asked priests around the country about anecdotal accounts of rising numbers of “inquirers and catechumens showing up” at their parishes during the pandemic. Only three priests said that wasn’t the case at their churches, while 28 affirmed the reports.

“A number said that they

noticed that the newcomers skew younger,” wrote Damick on his Ancient Faith Ministries blog. “Several said it’s more than they’ve ever had – in some cases, double.” At his own Pennsylvania parish, the number of newcomers last year topped the total from the previous decade.

The vast majority of priests at the Diocese of the South meetings reported the same phenomenon. Several reported a pattern frequently seen online, with young men turning to Orthodoxy after following the writings and YouTube posts of University of Toronto psychology professor Jordan Peterson. This led them to online dialogues between Peterson and Pageau, which then led them to Pageau’s “The Symbolic World” YouTube channel and other online Orthodox outlets.

“All these guys ... These young men in their 20s and early 30s, they’re out there urgently hunting for something,” said Pageau. “I sympathize with the warrior, crazy-aggressive energy in these young men – that crazy ball of warrior energy.

“You can change the world with 2,000 guys like that. It has happened before.”

Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

Beacon Credit Union CEO and president Kevin Willour announces retirement

Chief financial officer Dustin Cuttriss appointed as executive vice president

STAFF REPORT

Beacon Credit Union (BCU) president and CEO Kevin Willour has announced his retirement effective Jan. 1, 2023, according to chief marketing officer Marc Briney.

Willour will remain involved with the Credit Union “to ensure a smooth transition” over the next 14 months following BCU’s succession plan, said Briney.

The Board of Directors of BCU has appointed chief financial officer Dustin Cuttriss as executive vice president.

Cuttriss will assume the president and CEO position after the transition.

“The Board of Directors extends its sincerest appreciation to Kevin for his leadership over the last nine years as president and CEO,” said BCU board chairman Ken Dale. “Kevin has steered the continued growth of the Credit Union while keeping true to our vision of guiding the way for our member-owners and improving the communities in the markets Beacon serves. We wish him the best in his much-deserved retirement.”

Willour began his employment at Beacon in 1989 as a branch manager. He continued his career path holding positions of branch operating officer, vice president of branch operations and executive vice president. He has overseen many improvements and changes during his 32 years at Beacon, including the building of 21 branches, expanding the field of membership to 50 Indiana counties, the introduction of digital banking, the acquisi-



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Beacon Credit Union (BCU) president and CEO Kevin Willour has announced his retirement effective Jan. 1, 2023.

tion of an industrial lending company and helping guide multiple credit union mergers throughout his tenure. Since he has taken the helm, Beacon assets have grown to over \$1.4 billion in assets, membership of over 46,000 and has the unique distinction of being the largest agricultural lending credit union in the United States.

“I have been fortunate to have an excellent relationship and support from the Board Members of Beacon Credit Union throughout my tenure and the pleasure of working with a professional and forward-thinking executive management team. The entire Beacon team has been a contributing factor to my success as president and CEO of Beacon Credit Union,” said Willour.

Willour has been involved in many service organizations over the years including past chairman and current board member of American Share Insurance, president of the Financial Cooperative Association of Indiana and past board member of the Honeywell Foundation. His retirement plans are to travel with his wife, Cindy, bass fishing, pheasant hunting and to enjoy more time with his granddaughters.

Stocks end lower on Wall Street, ending 8-day winning streak

By DAMIAN J. TROISE

Associated Press

U.S. stocks closed lower Tuesday, ending the market’s longest winning streak in more than two years. The S&P 500 fell 0.4 percent.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 0.3 percent and the Nasdaq fell 0.6 percent. Tesla slumped again, losing 12 percent after its CEO Elon Musk said over the weekend he would abide by results of a poll in which he asked his millions of followers on Twitter whether he should sell 10 percent of his stake in the company. They said he should. PayPal sank 10.5 percent after cutting its outlook. General Electric rose 2.6 percent after announcing a plan to split into three companies.

Stocks moved lower in mid-afternoon trading on Wall Street on Tuesday, putting the market on track to end an extended winning streak.

The S&P 500 index fell 0.5 percent as of 2:50 p.m. Eastern. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 203 points, or 0.6 percent, to 36,229 and the Nasdaq fell 0.7 percent.

The benchmark S&P 500 is coming off a series of record highs and eight straight gains, tying its longest winning streak since April 2019.

Losses for a mix of technology companies and companies that rely on direct consumer spending outweighed gains elsewhere.

Bond yields fell and hurt banks, which rely on higher yields to charge more lucrative interest on loans. The

yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.43 percent from 1.49 percent late Monday. Bank stocks like Citigroup, Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase were all down more than 1 percent.

PayPal slumped more than 11 percent after cuttings its profit and revenue forecasts for the year. Robinhood fell 3 percent after the popular trading app reported a data breach the day before.

Auto companies and travel-related companies slipped. Ford fell 2 percent and Carnival fell 1.4 percent.

Sectors that are considered less risky, including household product makers and utilities, held up better than the rest of the market.

Investors received another reminder from the Labor Department that rising inflation remains persistent. The agency reported that inflation at the wholesale level rose 8.6 percent in October from a year earlier, matching September’s record annual gain.

A wide range of companies are facing higher costs for raw materials and energy while contending with supply chain problems. That has been cutting into their operations and prompting them to raise prices on finished goods, which in turn has been making products and services more costly for consumers.

The Labor Department will release its Consumer Price Index for October on Wednesday, giving a more detailed picture on how inflation is impacting consumers.

GE set to split into 3 public companies

By **MICHELLE CHAPMAN**
Associated Press

General Electric, the storied American manufacturer that struggled under its own weight after growing to become a sprawling conglomerate, will divide itself into three public companies focused on aviation, health care and energy.

The company's announcement Tuesday is the culmination of an arduous, yearslong reshaping of a symbol of American manufacturing might that could signal the end of conglomerates as a whole.

"It's over now," said Nick Heymann of William Blair, who has followed GE for years. "In a digital economy, there's no real room for it."

The company has already rid itself of the products

most Americans know it for, including its appliances, and last year, the light bulbs that GE had been making since the late 19th century when the company was founded.

The breakup marks the apogee of those efforts, divvying up an empire created in the 1980s under Jack Welch, one of America's first CEO "superstars."

GE's stock became one of the most sought after on Wall Street under Welch, routinely outperforming peers and the broader market. Through the 1990s, it returned 1,120.6 percent on investments. GE's revenue grew nearly fivefold during Welch's tenure, and the company's value increased 30-fold.

Yet the stock began to lag in the summer of 2001, the waning days of Welch's rule.

As the decade came to a close, GE was struck by near ruin with the arrival of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. General Electric's vulnerabilities were laid bare and the epicenter was GE Capital, the company's financial wing.

Its shares lost 80 percent of their value from the start of 2008 into the first few months of 2009 and has only recently begun to recover as the company unwinds much of what Welch built. The stock is up almost 30 percent this year as the asset sales keep coming.

Shares in Boston-based General Electric Co. ended Tuesday up \$2.87, or 2.7 percent, to \$111.29, a new high for the year.

GE's aviation unit, it's most profitable, will keep General Electric in the

name. GE will spin off its health care business in early 2023 and its energy segment, including renewable energy, power and digital operations in early 2024.

The decision to split at GE was well received Tuesday, both in general markets and by those who had pushed for the change.

"The strategic rationale is clear: three well-capitalized, industry leading public companies, each with deeper operational focus and accountability, greater strategic flexibility and tailored capital allocation decisions," wrote Trian Fund Management, a large stakeholder whose founding partner serves on GE's board.

Heymann, of William Blair, said the conglomerate model no longer works in a marketplace in which only

the quick and agile survive.

GE Chairman and CEO Larry Culp will become non-executive chairman of the health care company, with GE maintaining a 19.9 percent stake in the unit. Peter Arduini will serve as president and CEO of GE Healthcare effective Jan. 1. Scott Strazik will become CEO of the combined renewable energy, power, and digital business. Culp will lead the aviation business along with John Slattery, who will remain its CEO.

Culp achieved a major milestone this year in reshaping General Electric with a \$30 billion deal to combine GE's aircraft leasing business with Ireland's AerCap Holdings. Because the arrangement pushed GE Capital Aviation Services into a separate business, Culp

essentially closed the books on GE Capital, the financial division that nearly sank the entire company during the 2008 financial crisis.

GE said Tuesday that it expects operational costs of about \$2 billion related to the split, which will require board approval.

The company also announced Tuesday that it expects to lower its debt by more than \$75 billion by the end of the year.

The question now is whether other conglomerates will see their own company structure as a relic of the past.

The decision to break up General Electric, an industrial bellwether, could set into motion similar actions at other large conglomerates with the "urge to demerge," according to RBC Capital

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Wabash County Museum honors veterans in November

During November all veterans will receive free admission to the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St., where they can view the Honor Wall exhibit and the Military exhibit as well as 90-plus additional exhibits that celebrate the history of Wabash County. The military exhibit features a video of several Wabash County veterans sharing their oral histories. The museum team would like to expand the collection of oral histories from veterans. On Wednesday, Nov. 10 and Wednesday, Nov. 17, veterans may schedule a private session to record their stories. This time may be scheduled by calling 260-563-9070 or stopping by the Welcome Desk. The museum is also collaborating with Living Well in Wabash County to offer a Senior Scavenger Hunt during November. Seniors can pick up their scavenger hunt form at the Welcome Desk. Answers are found in several museum exhibits as well as on the windows of Living Well in Wabash County's downtown location, just across the street from the Museum. Completed forms will be entered into a drawing for a prize basket that includes gift cards from area businesses and a selection of Grandma's Fudge. For more information, visit www.wabashmuseum.org.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 24 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](https://www.classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Adam Bartrom to provide insight for a strong 2022 at GWC event

Grow Wabash County (GWC) will be hosting Adam Bartrom of Barnes & Thornburg out of Fort Wayne for a lunch and learn event from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the GWC conference room, 214 S. Wabash St. This event is free for Grow Wabash County investors and \$10 for the general public. Lunch will be provided, but space is limited and registration is required. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/bartrom.

Local Veterans Day services, Hero Memorial dedication planned

Veterans Day services will

be held at noon Thursday, Nov. 11 on the Wabash County Courthouse North Lawn. The schedule of events will include an invocation; the national anthem; remarks by Mayor Scott Long; remarks by Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington; the laying of the wreath; remarks by Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 commander Marty Schaa; remarks by American Legion Post No. 15 commander Steve Conner; the flag ceremony and "Taps"; and the benediction. Before that ceremony, though, the city and Visit Wabash County will hold the official dedication for the new Wabash County Hero Memorial at 11 a.m. just north of the Wabash Street bridge. The dedication will be led by Long and Pastor Todd Render and will conclude around 11:30 a.m. For those unable to attend the Hero Memorial dedication, 105.9 The Bash will offer a Facebook LIVE event. Nameplates are still available for purchase by visiting visitwabashcounty.com. Nameplates purchased before March 31, 2022 will be installed by Memorial Day 2022. The cost for each plate is \$100. For more information, call 260-563-7171 or email tourism@visitwabashcounty.com.

Manchester takes on U Can Crush Hunger 2021 challenge

Manchester University and others are trying to collect 100,000 pounds of food for Community Harvest Food Bank before Friday, Nov. 12. You may help by visiting https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=3H2RHHBK9GGBS. If you would like to donate but are unable to put out donations, email serviceengagement@manchester.edu.

Dick Quigley Music Festival continues

Combo Night, sponsored by Peru Maennerchor and featuring the No Regrets Blues Band, has been planned for 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 at 154 S. Wabash St., Peru. Big Band Night, featuring the 19-piece Quigley Jazz Band, has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Riverview Event Center, 421 W. Canal St., Peru.

Zion Lutheran Church annual holiday bazaar planned

Zion Lutheran Church's annual holiday bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at 173 Hale Drive, according to a press release. Some of the items offered are baked goods, candy, noodles, crafts and decorations.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022.

Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or face book.com/upperwabash.

November Values, Ideas and the Arts series ongoing at Manchester

Manchester University's Values, Ideas and the Arts series presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. They are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Some will be live-streamed at www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for viewing updates. Nov. 15, Manchester University Success Advisor Chasity Lucio, a member of the Mi'kmaq Nation, will share what it is like to negotiate two lives, one being part of a collective community/culture, and the other being in the Midwest. Nov. 22, Martin Garcia Chavez, a 2016 Manchester graduate, will speak about his experience at MU and how it has helped him refine and fulfill his dream as a chemist. Nov. 29, Lucas Al-Zoughbi, a doctoral student and University Distinguished Fellow at Michigan State University, will share his own experiences and offers an introduction to the Palestinian struggle against Israeli settler-colonialism. The series wraps up for the semester on Dec. 6 with a presentation by Manchester University Archivist Jeanine Wine.

Groups Recover Together invites the community to an open house

Grow Wabash County will be giving one of its newest investors, Groups Recover Together, a warm welcome to the community with a ribbon-cutting and open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 at 1091 Central Ave. Immediately following the ribbon-cutting there will be an open house. Per the Groups Recover Together's COVID-19 guidelines, all guests will be required to wear a mask while visiting their Wabash location.

Wabash Marketplace kicking off the holiday season with Jingle Jubilee

Wabash Marketplace is hosting Jingle Jubilee, formerly known as Downtown Holiday Night to Remember, from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 in downtown Wabash. The popular stamping map will be available for guests to complete for a chance to win Jingle Bucks with cash values of up to \$1,000 and are eligible to be spent in businesses in downtown Wabash. More than 20 businesses will participate in the Jingle Jubilee stamping map frenzy for one night only. Jingle Bucks winners will be announced Live on 105.9 The Bash on

Wednesday, Nov. 24. Special events include holiday shopping and open houses at downtown businesses, outdoor Santa with live reindeer on Miami Street including make-your-own holiday snack mix, Modoc's hot cocoa, "snowball" fight and storytime provided by Bachelor Creek Church, the lighting of the Wabash County Courthouse cupola with glow sticks and outdoor sing-along from 6:30 to 7 p.m., Stamping Map Contest from 4 to 9 p.m., a public vote of the best holiday window display, free rides on Trolley No. 85, Old Fashioned Christmas with Father Christmas, cookies and sleigh tram rides at Paradise Spring Historic Park, acoustic music, hot cocoa and carolers at Wabash Landing will be provided by New Journey Church and family-friendly buffet at Eagles Theatre with soup, salad, baked potatoes and sandwiches. For more information, visit WabashMarketplace.org/events.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra invites entries for concerto competition

In advance of the March 13, 2022 concert, the Manchester Symphony Orchestra invites vocalists, pianists and instrumentalists to register for its 2021-2022 season concerto competition. Competitors must be enrolled in a high school, home school program, college or university during the fall semester of 2021 to be eligible. The application fee is \$25. There are scholarship awards for high school division winners and cash awards for collegiate division winners. The competition is Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at Manchester University, and competition winners will perform with the orchestra at 3 p.m. March 13, 2022, during the Trailblazers concert. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Admission is free for MU students, faculty and staff, as well as anyone age 18 and younger. Visit www.manchestersymphonyorchestra.org to buy tickets or register for the competition.

Dr. Ford Home announces history program for Nov. 23

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home.

Friends of the NMPL holds handmade quilt raffle

The Friends of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) will raffle off a handmade quilt by Cass Rish. Tickets will be sold through Tuesday, Nov. 23 at the NMPL. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the front desk for \$5 apiece or five tickets for \$20. Cash, checks or credit cards are all accepted. The winner will be drawn at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. Participants do not need to be present to win. For more information, call 260-982-4773 or email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us.

Manchester Civic Band plans Timbercrest and Peabody live performances

A Manchester Civic Band performance at Peabody Retirement Community has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Salamonie 'Twins Among the Trees' Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

WACT plans Christmas Madrigal Dinner Theater

On Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4, in conjunction with Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, the Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) will share its biennial Christmas Madrigal Dinner Theater in the Honeywell Center's Legacy Hall. The cost is \$49 per person, which includes dinner and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased through the Honeywell Center Box Office, 275 W. Market St., by phone at 260-563-1102 or by visiting www.honeywellarts.org.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with these concerts in the works: Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021, in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Healy-Hutchinson, Sleigh Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater's Waltz by Émile Waldteufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra's concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn's five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

Grow Wabash County gift checks spark shopping local

Grow Wabash County gift checks (formerly known as Chamber Gift Checks before 2017) are gift certificates that can be redeemed at any business or organization that is a current Grow Wabash County investor. Since gift checks can only be spent at Grow Wabash County investors, businesses that are not currently members that would like to participate in this year's program may call 260-563-5258 or visit www.growwabashcounty.com/invest. For a full list of Grow Wabash County investors, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/investors. Grow Wabash County also offers a list of retail stores, restaurants and other GWC investors where gift checks are most commonly used. That list can be found at www.growwabashcounty.com/giftchecklist. Businesses that are not currently Grow Wabash County investors should not be accepting gift checks from customers. Gift checks may be purchased by emailing marketing@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258. Gift checks must be paid upfront with cash or check, credit or debit card payments are not accepted for gift check orders. The last day to order gift checks will be Monday, Dec. 20 and gift check orders may be picked up no later than Wednesday, Dec. 22. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/giftchecks.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Manchester boys search for offensive answers

Squires take the floor on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at home against Bluffton

By **CLAY MAXFIELD**
Wabash Plain Dealer
Freelance Reporter

After graduating over 40 points of offense last season, Manchester’s varsity boys basketball team will look to a youthful roster this season when they take the floor on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at home against Bluffton.

“This is a whole new team this year,” Henson said. “It’s going to be a completely different team but there are some pieces for us to be competitive and make a run at conference, county tournament and make a run at sectionals hopefully.”

“It’s all a brand new team. What excites me most is seeing how we match up with other teams.”

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The Manchester boys team celebrates after winning the 2020-2021 Wabash County Basketball Tournament.

Photo by Alina Reed / Plain Dealer

Squires’ returning scorer with 12.1 ppg moved to a different school district, leaving Manchester without a scorer that averaged more than 7 ppg.

Weston Hamby and Max Carter graduated last season, taking 34 points of offense with them.

After a 12-9 season and a first-round exit against Adams Central in sectional play, Henson is confident that the fresh faces making up the Manchester

squad will be one that will compete.

“They’re driven. We want to win and they know that our expectations are we want to get as many wins as possible. ... We have guys that are going to be ready to step up. We have two good senior guards, a good low post player and guys that we can surround those three with other guys that can knock down shots and help us be more successful.”

Cade Jones (7.6 ppg), the only returner from last year’s starting lineup, will make up half of the team’s starting backcourt while William Rickard makes up the other half.

Rickard comes from Southern Wells where he averaged 15 ppg for the Raiders.

“He’s a big boost for us because it provides another guy that can shoot. He’s a very

good shooter. He’s gotten better at being able to take the ball to the rim and his defense has gotten better,” Henson said about Rickard.

A young frontcourt that includes freshman Gavin Betten who Henson expects big things from will round out Manchester’s roster.

Henson, who is in his second season with Manchester, believes that last season’s rigors helped him improve over-

all as a coach and leader.

“Our whole game plan has changed in three months,” Henson said. “I’m not a coach that this is how we’re going to do things regardless, I adapt with my players. ... I’ve learned to just adapt with my players, find a style of play, an offense and defenses that work with this group that you’re coaching.”

As a team that will look to win with their ability to pace and play, Henson is confident that the group he will put out on the floor in a couple of weeks will be one that will withstand the rigors of a 2022 season that hopes to end with plenty of Squires’ success.

“These guys are quick learners and they’re guys that are competitive. They want to win and they expect to win. They’re going to do everything they have to do to get better and put themselves in a spot to succeed.”

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplainealer.com.

Manchester wrestling returns with an eighth-place finish at Adrian Invite

By **DILLON BENDER**

The Manchester University wrestling team returned to the mats on Saturday, Nov. 6. The Black and Gold had a solid season debut at the Adrian Invitational, earning an eighth-place team finish after posting a team score of 50 points. Fifteen total teams competed at Adrian on Saturday.

Fifth-year Josh Stephenson, from Yorktown, earned a third-place finish at 141 pounds. Stephenson pinned Adrian’s Zachary Platter in his first bout of the day. Stephenson would add a sudden victory over Wabash’s Joseph Miller and a 16-14 decision over Little Giant Daniel



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Uribe on Saturday.

First-year Justin Brantley went 2-2 on the afternoon and earned a fourth-place finish in the 125-pound weight class.

Brantley posted a tech fall victory and a pin in his collegiate debut.

Sophomore Mark Roberts, from Greencastle, would

add an eighth-place finish at 133-pounds for the Black and Gold. Roberts. Went 4-3 on the day, winning a pair of decisions and recording a pair of pins.

Brothers Elijah Phillips and Gabe Phillip, both of Centerville, added a total of five wins at 157-pounds for Manchester on Saturday afternoon.

The Spartans will head to nationally-ranked Wabash on Friday, Nov. 12 for a dual against the Little Giants. Match time from Chadwick Court is currently scheduled for 7 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Buzzer-beater sinks Spartans in women’s basketball season opener at Rockford

By **DILLON BENDER**

The Manchester University women’s basketball team fell on the road in its season opener at Rockford on Saturday, Nov. 6.

The Regents, members of the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC), defended their home court by knocking off the Spartans by a final score of 83-82.

The Black and Gold opened the game with a 7-2 lead following seven early points by first-year Eva Bazzoni, from Wabash and Manchester High School.

The Regents then used an 18-4 burst over a large portion of the opening period to grab a 9-point lead. Rockford shot 57.9 percent in the first quarter and led 24-14 after 10 minutes of action.

Rockford grew its lead to as much as 14 points (30-16) early in the second quarter. Manchester responded with a 13-0 run over a three and half minute stretch to claw back to within a basket midway through the period. The Regents then converted a late



Provided photo

The Manchester University women’s basketball team fell on the road in its season opener at Rockford on Saturday, Nov. 6.

flurry of baskets in the paint to stretch its lead back up to nine points, 42-33, at the intermission.

The 3rd quarter saw both teams shoot well from the floor. Rockford narrowly outscored the Black and Gold 25-23 in the frame after shooting 62.5 percent (10-16). Manchester shot 60 percent (9-15) in the 3rd quarter.

The fourth quarter proved to be dramatic as Manchester and Rockford traded baskets in the final seconds. The Black and Gold rallied from

(35-66) from the field. Terhune led the Regents with a double-double after scoring 19 points and dishing out 10 assists. Three other Regents scored in double figures, Anaya Davis (18 points), Jocelyn Callahan (16 points, 4 3FGM) and Roshanda Stevens (11 points).

Manchester shot 50.9 percent (28-55) from the floor. MU also made good use of the free-throw line, finishing 20-22 for a 91 percent clip. Eva Bazzoni, making her collegiate debut this afternoon, led Manchester with 23 points on the strength of 8-14 shooting. She also went 5-9 from downtown. Senior Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, added 20 points. Miller finished 6-10 from the floor and was a perfect 8-8 at the charity stripe. She added six boards.

Miranda Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School, chipped in 17 points, while Hillery, from Middletown and Shenandoah High School, added 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Spartans football stymied by Bluffton on Saturday

By **DILLON BENDER**

The Manchester University football team was defeated by Bluffton University on Saturday, Nov. 6, falling on the road in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) action by a final score of 31-7.

Bluffton knocked in a 37-yard field goal in the first quarter for an early 3-0 advantage. The Beavers then found the end zone twice in the second quarter. Bluffton quarterback Blake Rine threw touchdown strikes of 35 and 10 yards to push the Beavers’ advantage to 17-0.

The Beavers would add another score on its opening possession of the third quarter. Blake Rine threw his third touchdown of the game, completing a 16-yard pass to



Provided photo

Harrington Greer had four receptions for 50 yards on Saturday.

Laurenz Johnson. Bluffton would find the end zone one final time, scoring midway through the 4th quarter following a 6-yard touchdown pass from Zachary Nobis to Chris McLaurin.

Manchester’s young offense was held off the scoreboard until the final seconds of Saturday’s game. Carter Cam-

passi, from Cicero and Hamilton Heights High School, did manage to throw a 2-yard touchdown pass to senior Harrington Greer, from South Bend and Riley High School, with 29 ticks left on the game clock. Greer had four receptions for 50 yards on Saturday.

For the game, Bluffton tallied 415 total yards of offense – throwing for 293 yards and rushing for 122 yards. Manchester put up 286 yards of total offense – throwing for 174 yards and rushing for 112 yards.

Jalen Masden, from Evansville and Harrison High School, finished with a team-high eight tackles. He had one sack against Bluffton. Four additional Spartans added five tackles on Saturday afternoon.

Manchester (2-7, 2-4 HCAC) will conclude its season next weekend at home against rival Anderson University. The Spartans will look to win back the coveted Bronze Ball Trophy.

Bluffton (3-6, 2-4 HCAC) will travel to rival Defiance College to conclude its season next weekend.

MISSISSINEWA DEFEATS NORTHFIELD GIRLS BASKETBALL ON THURSDAY



Photos by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

Northfield senior Addy Rosen brings the ball up the court during second half action against the Mississinewa Lady Indians at home on Thursday evening.

Lady Norse standouts Emily Pennington, left, and Eden Hoover, right, sandwich their Mississinewa opponent Megan Stanley while battling for a rebound during first half action at Northfield High School Thursday evening.

MU’s Eva Bazzoni named HCAC Player of the Week

By **DILLON BENDER**

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) has named Manchester University first-year guard Eva Bazzoni, from Wabash and Manchester High School, its conference player of the week for the opening week of the 2021-22 season, the league announced on Monday, Nov. 8.

Bazzoni had a stellar collegiate debut for Manchester on Saturday afternoon, leading the Spartans with 23 points against Rockford. Bazzoni finished 8-14 from the field and went 5-9 from three-point territory in the season opener. She was a key catalyst in an 18-8 fourth-quarter run that saw the Black and Gold briefly rally from a double-digit deficit. Bazzoni made a driving, right-handed layup in traffic that briefly put Manchester ahead of Rockford 82-81 with just four seconds left on the clock.

Rockford was able to sink a buzzer-beater on the game’s final possession as time expired to slip past the Spartans 83-82.



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The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference has named Manchester University first-year guard Eva Bazzoni its conference player of the week for the opening week of the 2021-22 season.

The Black and Gold returned to action on Tuesday, Nov. 9 when it traveled to NCAA Division I Purdue Fort Wayne. Tuesday’s contest was an exhibition in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

MU will then host Kalamazoo in Stauffer-Wolfe arena at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12.

Holidays are a prime time to wield the written word

DEAR ABBY: You often respond to grandparents who are disappointed that their grandchildren have not written a note to express gratitude for a recent present. Personally, I think one of the main reasons they don't is the simple fact that they lack thank-you cards and stamps.

Dear Abby



(Their parents may not be writing thank-you notes anymore.) When I'm at the post office, I rarely see 20-year-olds buying stamps. I would like to offer a suggestion for my peers: If you want your grandchildren to send you a thank-you card, make it simple for them — include a small box of cards and some postage stamps when you send their present. They'll get the message. And Abby, they could add a copy of your letter writing booklet if it's still available. — Thankful In Texas

DEAR THANKFUL: Your suggestion is a clever one, and yes, my booklet, "How To Write Letters for All Occasions" is still available. People of every age tend to procrastinate when it comes to letter writing because they're unsure how to express their feelings on paper and afraid they will say the wrong thing.

Thank you notes do not have to be long or flowery. In fact, the opposite is true. Short and to the point is more effective. I advise readers to have a notebook handy when they open their gifts and jot down the first words that come to mind when they see what's inside. Do they like the color? The style? Is it something they have been wanting? Write it down and use it for inspiration.

My booklet, "How to write Letters for All Occasions" contains samples of thank-you letters for birthday gifts, shower gifts, wedding gifts and those that arrive around holiday time. It also includes sample letters of congratulations, as well as ones on difficult subjects, such as the loss of a parent, spouse or a child. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus a check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

With the holidays just around the corner, this is the perfect time to reply with a handwritten note or letter, or a well-written email. For anyone who has wondered where to begin when expressing gratitude, congratulations, condolences, composing a love letter or announcing a broken engagement or a divorce — "How To Write Letters" is a handy guide.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 25-year-old man who has never had a girlfriend. Recently, a woman I work with seems to be showing an interest in me. She's the same age as I am. I might feel the same way about her, but she mentioned that she's going through a divorce. Is it worth asking for her number to see where things go? — Hoping In The Heartland

DEAR HOPING: Proceed with caution. You can ask for her number, but take things very slowly. She may need a friend right now more than a romance. Also, much depends upon the fraternization policies in your workplace. Sometimes these relationships are frowned upon, which could cost one or both of you your jobs.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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53 Tie down

54 DEA operative

55 Literary collection

56 Little child

57 Casual wear

58 Longing

DOWN

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3 One-name singer

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5 Felt crummy

6 Movie studio

7 Viennese desserts

8 Fencing weapon

9 Country cousin

10 Strong — ox

13 Gave a hard time

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21 Like — of bricks

24 Top NCO

25 Untruthful one

26 Impulse

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29 Frank Herbert saga

31 Quivering dessert

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35 Mesa dweller

36 Metallic element

38 Come to a boil

39 Medium's session

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I'm not sure what to say.

Just tell her you think it's time for your review.

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SHE WAS NERVOUS ABOUT ASKING FOR A PAY INCREASE BUT WAS GOING TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SLYLY TWINE CAMPUS GASKET
Answer: The children all liked the snowman and thought he was — AN "ICE" GUY

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Where did babies come from in the Pre-Stork Ages?"

BEETLE BAILEY

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MY "CASUAL FRIDAYS" SUGGESTION?

RUN IT BY THE GENERAL

HE SAID IT WAS LT. FUZZ'S IDEA

CASUAL FRIDAY

BLONDIE

BUMSTEAD, CHECK OUT THIS LATEST APP I DISCOVERED

YOU LAZY, WORTHLESS, GOOD-FOR-NOTHING INGRATE! YOU'RE FIRED!! BOOM! CRASH!!

UH... COOL, BOSS

OH MAN, JUST WHAT HE NEEDS... A TERMINATION APP

YOU'RE FIRED!

HI & LOIS

HERE'S YOUR COOKIE, TRIxie.

MEH. I'D RATHER HAVE A COOKIE LIKE DITTO HAS...

WITH DOTS IN IT.

BC

YOU'RE GOING TO NEED TO FLOSS MORE.

WIZARD OF ID

THAT'S IT FOR THIS SESSION. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

HOT YOGA

AREN'T YOU GLAD YOU TRIED THIS, SIRE?

I'VE DISCOVERED A NEW FORM OF TORTURE

DILBERT

I HIRED A SOCIO-PATH TO DESIGN OUR AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM.

WHY WOULD ANYONE HIRE A SOCIO-PATH TO DESIGN A USER INTERFACE?

THAT'S THE WAY WE'VE ALWAYS DONE IT.

NOT MY PROBLEM. NOT MY PROBLEM.

GARFIELD

"DEAR ASK A DOG, WHAT WAS THE GREATEST MOVIE EVER MADE?"

BARK! BARK! BARK!

COULD YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC THAN "THE ONE WITH THE DOG"?

FORT KNOX

I HEARD YOU'RE PLANNING ON HUNTING BEARS.

THEN I THINK YOU SHOULD SPEND SOME TIME WITH FIDEL.

AND WHAT WILL THAT TEACH ME?

THAT'S RIGHT, PONTALP.

WHY I SHOULDN'T FEED HIM BEAN PIP.

PICKLES

DO YOU KNOW WHAT I HAVE NEVER SAID TO MYSELF?

POKE POKE

I HAVE NEVER SAID, YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD BE A GREAT TOPPING ON THIS?

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD IMITATION BACON BITS.

FINE! FROM NOW ON YOU'RE FIXING THE MEALS!

After the loss of a child

Q: A young family moved to our neighborhood after their child died. They keep their shades drawn and don't answer their phone. We aren't ministers or social workers, but we lost a child years ago and thought we might be a source of comfort. How can this be done without invading their privacy? — N.F.

A: We don't have to be a minister or a trained counselor to help others. We just need to be available. When people are walking through dark times in their lives, what seems the smallest thing to us may often be the most helpful. A basket of fruit left at a front door or a handwritten note sent through the mail that shares a personal story may be the very thing that will

open hurting hearts — just knowing that there are those who are grieving with them. When Jesus was comforting His disciples before He left them, they were confused and frightened. He said, "Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy" (John 16:22, NIV). This is the promise to those who belong to the Lord.

Often God allows personal suffering to come to us so that we can help others

when they experience tragedy. We're surrounded by hurting people. Some may wear a mask, but beneath the mask is a scarred soul. We show that we are available to others when we extend a helping hand, though we cannot force them to receive it. We can pray and ask God to open up the door of opportunity to show Christian love, remembering that He doesn't comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters. This pleases the heart of God.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"RUL YUVM RULV YCR, RUL VWC TX
NXDZ JWCM, CGI RUL MGUY NXW
NDBW'Z KUDGK NU TUBW YXWG RUL
KU ACTM IUYG." — BDVCGIC HCBWVN

Previous Solution: "You don't get something for nothing. If you don't risk looking foolish, you'll never do anything special." — Ethan Hawke
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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:29

Supreme Court misses chance to protect your rights to record police

The Supreme Court had an opportunity this week to protect your right to record the misbehavior of rogue police officers. Instead, the court looked the other way while cops who sought to seize such a recording are shielded from accountability. So much for First Amendment protections.

By declining to hear a case from a federal appellate court, the Supreme Court let stand a dangerous ruling granting qualified immunity to Denver police officers accused of snatching a computer tablet from a man who had used it to record them punching a suspect in the face and grabbing his pregnant girlfriend, causing her to fall to the ground.

In recent years, such recordings have been vital to a national movement against racial injustice and excessive police force. In a few cases, the recordings have been a key to holding police accountable for a person's brutal death.

Take, for example, the brave bystanders who recorded Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin kneeling on George Floyd's neck for more than nine minutes while Floyd begged for his life. Without their videos, Chauvin might never have been tried and convicted of Floyd's murder. Nor would there have been nationwide protests that helped launch police reform efforts across the country.

By refusing to take *Frasier v. Evans*, the Supreme Court managed to set back both the public's right to record police and efforts to hold police accountable for violating citizens' constitutional rights.

The decision in this case makes the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals an outlier and leaves people living in the six states it covers – Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming – with weakened constitutional rights. Six other federal appeals courts, covering nearly half of the states, have ruled that citizens have a clear constitutional right to record police in public.

Because of this split, the Supreme Court needs to rule on the issue so Americans' rights won't depend on where they happen to live.

The Denver case began in August 2014, when Levi Frasier, a bystander, recorded police officers beating a suspect. According to the lawsuit Frasier later filed, police retaliated, demanding to see his tablet computer, grabbing it from him and searching for the video – all without a warrant and in violation of Frasier's rights.

After failing to find the video, they let Frasier go with his tablet. Later he gave a copy of the video to a local news station, which aired it, and to the police department, which changed its use-of-force policy.

The police officers involved said they struck the suspect in the face to try to get him to release a sock in his mouth, which they believed contained contraband. They argued they did not violate any clearly established law by trying to obtain the video evidence from Frasier and therefore deserved qualified immunity – a broad shield against police accountability that courts have too often taken to extremes.

The trial court rejected the cops' immunity request after finding that

the Denver Police Department had trained officers since 2007 that citizens have a First Amendment right to record police in public. In 2013, training also focused on a Justice Department declaration that "seizure or destruction of such recordings violates constitutional rights."

The officers clearly should have known they were violating Frasier's rights.

Nevertheless, the 10th Circuit threw out Frasier's case, ruling that training was "irrelevant" to whether the officers knew they were violating a "clearly established law." The only thing that renders a law clearly established in the 10th Circuit, the court stated, is a ruling from the Supreme Court or the 10th Circuit.

If that sounds absurd, it's because it is. It shows how far courts have gone to twist the doctrine of qualified immunity to let officers off the hook for egregious behavior.

Now, advocates from across the political spectrum seeking to limit qualified immunity are running out of options. Earlier this year, when the U.S. Senate tried to eliminate qualified immunity for police, Republican opposition killed that effort. This week, the Supreme Court could have reined in qualified immunity and ensured the public's right to record police in action. Instead, it whiffed.

Unless Congress or the Supreme Court changes course, police officers will continue to have impunity in civil cases when they violate people's rights, and Americans will lose even more trust in law enforcement.

This editorial was first published in USA Today.

LETTERS

DNR's planned forest management at Salamonie will help birds

Birds and birders flock to Salamonie Lake. The reservoir, forests, prairies, farmlands, marshes and wetlands create an excellent habitat for birding. It is a special area that was included in the latest guide to the Indiana Birding Trail, a product of the Indiana Audubon Society. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR's) plans to conduct management operations in the adjacent Salamonie River State Forest will greatly benefit this birding resource.

Recent studies have shown that a large variety of species benefit from young forests, which includes more than 20 bird species like the declining black-billed cuckoo and eastern whip-poor-will. Openings in the tree canopies allow herbaceous plants, shrubs and saplings a chance to grow. This then provides much-needed habitat for songbirds and game birds, including wild turkeys. Songbirds will use young forests to provide shelter and food for their young once their young have left the nest.

Young forests were once created naturally, through wildfires, windstorms, and other natural disturbance events. We can all be thankful for the amazing job our foresters have done to prevent these naturally occurring disasters. But now, because of their heroic work over the last several decades, we are left with a middle-aged forest that lacks species diversity, plant and bird alike. Time will eventually turn some of these areas into "old growth" forests, but only through forest management will we be able to also attain critical young forest areas near Salamonie Lake to benefit our feathered friends.

Allisyn-Marie Gillet
Indiana state ornithologist

HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 10, the 314th day of 2021. There are 51 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:
On Nov. 10, 1951, customer-dialed long-distance telephone service began as Mayor M. Leslie Denning of Englewood, New Jersey, called Alameda, California, Mayor Frank Osborne without operator assistance.

On this date:
In 1969, the children's educational program "Sesame Street" made its debut on National Educational Television (later PBS).
In 1982, the newly finished Vietnam Veterans Memorial was opened to its first visitors in Washington, D.C., three days before its dedication. Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev died at age 75.



READI Grants already a success

Last month, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation made public all 17 regional proposals for the state's READI Grant program. Since the program was announced, I've been dreading this date primarily because I was confident the program would fall short of even modest expectations. The program was hurried through the General Assembly, and the time frame for this type of process was extremely short, just a few months. I couldn't have been more mistaken.

I have now read all 17 proposals, covering all of Indiana's 92 counties. It is a monumental achievement that 16 of these proposals would've been competitive for the Regional Cities Initiative from 2015. Only one proposal failed to lay out the details asked in the guidelines. Of course, that doesn't mean all 16 should receive funding, simply that the selection committee faces a tough challenge in selecting the nine regions to fund.

It isn't surprising that the three areas from the Regional Cities Initiative provided very strong proposals, or that the weakest one came from the same region with the worst Regional Cities proposal. Still, there were a number of surprising developments. The Indianapolis Metro region divided itself into four different regions, which allowed for more focus on particulars of each plan. Also, several cities in four counties aligned themselves with different groups. Some of this makes sense, given the geography of each of these counties.

The biggest improvement I saw from 2015 was the proposal by the West Central Region surrounding Terre Haute. The plan was far more developed than the region's Region-

Michael Hicks



al Cities proposal, and did a better job explaining how the projects complemented one another. I'm impressed that the region's largest private and public university are actively committing resources to the plan.

The region around Kokomo, stretching across six counties from Fulton to Clinton, developed a plan with detailed, project-by-project cost and investment leverage information. It also connected previous investments to this READI grant very clearly. Importantly, it identified long-term challenges and opportunities with great clarity.

The third big surprise was the proposal from the five-county region north of Louisville. In 2015, this region had a good plan that failed to be considered for Regional Cities money because of political fractiousness in one participating county. Since then, it has detailed a plan that should finally leverage the great potential southern Indiana has being adjacent to rapidly growing Louisville. It is clear that since 2015, this region's leaders have been actively and effectively working to prepare for this type of opportunity.

I don't have enough space to do these proposals justice, but I would encourage readers to visit <https://www.iedc.in.gov/program/indiana-readi> to read about them. It is worth acknowledging that much of the success of this program belongs to staff at the IEDC. In just a few months, they laid out a very straightforward path for regions to follow. They also did some friendly haranguing and extended the deadline a few weeks. This

is as fair and transparent a process for state funding as I have ever seen.

In general, the only significant complaint I have is that most regions used unreliable housing data or misinterpreted the correct data.

It is also important to explain why an economist with a strong free-market focus supports this kind of effort. The READI Grant follows the very successful Regional Cities program of the Pence Administration, which itself was built from the Stellar Communities program started in the Daniels Administration. All of these state government programs ask communities to do something very basic and useful – identify what sort of infrastructure your citizens wish to see built, and prioritize these projects based on cost and need.

Often this happens through normal healthy politics; in fact, that is why the first few Stellar Communities won. Where Stellar Communities made a real difference is in its impacts on places that weren't as effective at identifying problems and engaging with citizens. Several dozen Hoosier cities are today better off just for having attempted to win the Stellar Communities funding.

The expanded focus of Regional Cities demanded even more of communities around the state. Not only did counties, cities and towns need a transparent process of local engagement, but they also had to work with a broader region. Neighboring jurisdictions then act as an informal peer review for the design of spending priorities ranging from local trails or parks to large transportation infrastructure projects.

All this work makes political leaders confront tough questions about who benefits from the spending, where

the funds might come from, and most importantly, what alternative uses might be better. This is the anti-thesis of the type of central planning us free-market types so rightly detest. Stellar Communities, Regional Cities and the READI Grant use state tax dollars to improve local governance. These are pragmatic, locally focused and process-oriented in the way James Madison envisioned federalism to work.

Make no mistake, the READI Grant program is not a panacea. Every region created in this process suffers from educational attainment levels markedly lower than the national average. That is Indiana's fundamental economic problem, and it needs much more than quality of place improvements to remedy.

Ultimately, for regions, the benefit of the READI Grant is the process, not the financial awards. Regions with good plans will eventually find resources for the work they need. Those with weaker plans should use this as an opportunity for more fundamental self-evaluation. Those that did so after losing bids in the 2015 Regional Cities Initiative offer the best example.

Still, the widespread response by Indiana's regions to the 2021 READI Grant program represents a remarkable policy achievement. Governor Holcomb and the leadership of the General Assembly who worked hard to pass this legislation should be rightfully pleased at this development. Like the Stellar Communities and Regional Cities Initiative, the READI Grants will gather national attention as thoughtful, low-cost efforts to grow the Indiana economy and strengthen local governments.

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